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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF DRAFT COVER NOTE AND RESOLUTION
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QUOTE NOTE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

1. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY SHOULD STUDY SERIOUSLY
THE QUESTION OF ULTIMATELY COMBINING MARITIME AND
AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES SO FAR AS IS
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COMPATIBLE WITH SOUND TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, AND INSTI-

TUTIONAL PLANNING. WE BELIEVE SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGES MIGHT WELL ACCRUE FROM JOINT MARITIME AND AERONAUTICAL CAPABILITIES. PRELIMINARY U.S. STUDIES SUGGEST THAT COMBINING THESE CAPABILITIES IS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE AND MIGHT WELL RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AND INCREASED REVENUE. THIS LATTER POINT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN LIGHT OF THE PROSPECT THAT INMARSAT IS LIKELY TO REACH A POSITIVE CASH FLOW SITUATION ONLY IN SEVEN YEARS, AND TO ACHIEVE PROFITS ONLY SOME 14 YEARS AFTER THE PROGRAM IS BEGUN. ADDITIONALLY, WE THINK CAREFUL PLANNING IS NECESSARY TO CONSERVE SPECTRUM SPACE AND ORBITAL LOCATIONS. IN ITS REPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SATELLITE SYSTEM (SEPTEMBER, 1974), THE PANEL OF EXPERTS NOTED THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT MARITIME AND AERONAUTICAL PLANNING, AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE FURTHER PURSUED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

2. BRINGING TOGETHER MARITIME AND AERONAUTICAL SATELLITE CAPABILITIES WOULD BE A COMPLEX TASK AND COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED QUICKLY. AERONAUTICAL AS WELL AS MARITIME AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE CONSULTED AND ICAO SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSULTED AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE. NEVERTHELESS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STRONGLY ENDORSES STUDY OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL LONG RANGE ADVANTAGES IT WOULD OFFER TO THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS' MARITIME AND AIR TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITIES. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT THIS CONFERENCE

A. RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING JOINT MARITIME AND AERONAUTICAL CAPABILITIES,

B. ESTABLISH ARRANGEMENTS TO CARRY OUT SUCH A STUDY, AND

C. PROVIDE THAT THE RESULTS OF SUCH STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE INMARSAT COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST MEETING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. TO CARRY OUT THESE TASKS, THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION IS OFFERED FOR CONSIDERATION. WHILE URGING ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WISHES AT THE SAME TIME TO EXPRESS ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR INMARSAT AND THE AEROSAT PROGRAM AS EACH IS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED; OUR CONCERN IS FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING AND NOT FOR

IMMEDIATE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. END QUOTE

QUOTE RESOLUTION

THE CONFERENCE,

TAKING NOTE OF THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION BY THE PANEL
OF EXPERTS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SHARING THE FACILITIES
OF A SATELLITE SYSTEM BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL MOBILE
AND MARITIME MOBILE-SATELLITE SERVICES,

NOTING FURTHER THAT THE PANEL CONCLUDED THAT AS THE
SYSTEM DEVELOPS FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE
GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SUITABLE FORMS OF SHARING,

RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO UTILIZE ORBITAL SPACE TO
MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE.

APPRECIATING THAT THE POSSIBLE INCORPORATION OF AN
AERONAUTICAL CAPABILITY MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE
FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL VIABILITY OF BOTH
SERVICES,

BEING FULLY COGNIZANT, HOWEVER, OF THE REQUIREMENT
THAT MAXIMIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S REVENUE
POTENTIAL MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT
WITH THE ITU RADIO REGULATIONS AND WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING
THE SERVICE TO SHIPS,

RESOLVES, THAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO UNDERTAKE
AT AN EARLY DATE SUCH STUDIES AS WOULD PROVIDE A SUIT-
ABLE BASIS FOR ASSESSING THE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND
OPERATING CONSEQUENCES OF INCORPORATING IN THE INMARSAT
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SPACE SEGMENT A CAPABILITY TO MEET AERONAUTICAL MOBILE
REQUIREMENTS AND TO REPORT SUCH STUDIES TO THE FIRST
COUNCIL MEETING; THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD ADVISE
ALL PARTIES AND SIGNATORIES OF THE STUDIES AND ITS
RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO, WITH A VIEW
TOWARD AMENDMENT OF THE CONVENTION AND OPERATING
AGREEMENT IF NECESSARY. END QUOTE

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